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In the Application of:)
Mark A. Mars et al.)
Serial No.: 09/450,384)
Filed: November 29, 1999)
For: Telephone wire distribution center)
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 22313-1450

This paper is filed, along with a Petition for an Extension of Time and a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.13 signed by Joseph A. Rocci, in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pferd et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,112,147) in view of Frazier (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,288).

Applicants respectfully submit that Frazier is not prior art with respect to claims 1-16 and therefore does not support a proper rejection of claims 1-16. As indicated in the attached Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.13 signed by Joseph A. Rocci: